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The End of It.

It is evident from Mr. CARLISLE's letter in regard to the proper measures to be taken for the reduction of the surplus in the Treasury, that he, like Mr. Morriss, is a strenuous and steadfast advocate of the policy of perpetuating the tax upon tobacco as well as those upon fruit-breadies and whiskey.

When Mr. Morriss and Mr. CARLISLE and their followers in Congress say that they are willing to take the tax off tobacco only upon condition that some change shall be made in the tariff at the same time, they say in effect that it is wrong to take the tax off tobacco. Otherwise, it is evident that they would be glad to get rid of the tobacco tax whether they could get rid of the tariff on pig-iron or not. A half-loaf is better than no bread; and real statesmanship consists not in doing what would be best and wisest if it could be done, but in doing as well as it is possible for you to do under the circumstances which surround you. If, therefore, Mr. CARLISLE and Mr. Morriss, being statesmen, regarded it as a matter of vital importance to the country or to their constituents to secure the abolition of the tobacco tax, and could secure this object by letting the customs-duties alone for the time being, they would of course, if they were really opposed to the tobacco tax, agree to abolish it once this tax had been to another time the attempt to modify the tariff.

We do not wish to be understood as saying that the tariff ought not to be revised. On the contrary, we hold, as we have said repeatedly in years past, that there could not well be framed a worse tariff than the one now in existence. Especially could the administrative tariff bill, so called, to be passed by Congress. And we are inclined to think that Mr. RANDALL is too uncompromising in his conduct as a legislator.

It would seem, therefore, that there is little or no reason to hope for the abolition of the tobacco tax by the present Congress; and if not abolished by the present Congress, it may last a long time; for the Republicans, who are supposed to be more generally opposed than the Democrats to its abolition, will be much stronger in the next House of Representatives than in the present one. We say "supposed to be" because during the current session of Congress the Republicans have manifested a much more liberal spirit than they used to do in regard to this particular grievance of the people of Virginia.

To-morrow it will be in order to move to suspend the rules of the House of Representatives and pass a bill abolishing the tobacco tax; and it is rumored that such a motion is to be made. We cannot say that we consider the measure strong enough to command a two-thirds vote in that body; but still whilst there's life there's hope.

The failure to abolish the tax on tobacco and fruit-breadies will make it so much the more difficult for the Democrats of Virginia to elect next fall a Democratic Legislature and send a Democrat to Washington to succeed General MAXWELL in the United States Senate. This, by the way, is another reason for fearing that the partisan United States Senate will refuse to abolish the tobacco tax. That body is likely to be almost equally divided between the two great parties after the 4th of March next, and the Republican members, as we all know too well, are ready to resort to almost any expedient in order to strengthen themselves therein.

Indiana Senator.

Yesterday we mentioned the fact that the Federal law requires the election of United States senators to be certified by the Governor of the State. Mr. WHITTEKORE's credentials were presented in the United States Senate on the 2d instant. We now quote from the *Congressional Record*:

Mr. HOAR: I move that the oath be administered to the Senator-elect, and in making that motion I desire to say that in all respects he meets the requirements of the law, and that the commission from the Governor of the State will be withdrawn by the Senator before he will take the oath.

Did Mr. Hoar have in his mind's eye Indiana's new United States Senator?

HENRY (GEORGE) REMEDY.—For the life of us, we cannot understand HENRY GEORGE's remedy for the evils of the body politic. Here it is in his own words:

"A simple and effective remedy for over-consumption is what the United Labor party proposes in its platform—to abolish all taxes on buildings and improvements, and to concentrate taxation upon the value of land irrespective of improvements."

In other words, tax a lot worth one hundred dollars and exempt from taxation a house worth a million—YANDEMAN'S palace, for example.

Colonel O'FARRELL's recent speech in the House of Representatives in favor of the State bill is really a capital one. It will read admirably as a campaign document. He quotes authorities, and cites precedents, and argues all the points involved.

We notice in the *Record* an error that ought to be corrected before the speech is printed in pamphlet form: "Depart, ye mendicant, ye beggar." "Ye" is plural.

Too True.

Mr. GARLAND is reported to have given it as his opinion as Attorney-General that the Constitution has often heretofore been strained as much as it will be strained by the operation of the inter-State commerce law. No doubt of it. But it is deplorable that the Constitution should so often be unnecessarily interposed between the people and good measures. The BLAIR bill is said by sticklers to be unconstitutional, though every State has an agricultural college or some other institution of learning drawing its support from the Federal Government. The bill to establish an Agricultural Department at Washington was opposed by some fine lawyers and good Democrats as being unconstitutional. But no measure is unconstitutional which is desired by the northern section of the Union. We can remember when the Representative in Congress from the Richmond district voted to support the river-and-harbor bill on the ground that it was unconstitutional, thus voting against appropriating any money to the improvement of James river; but the northern congressmen as a rule, Democrats and Republicans, voted to improve their own rivers and harbors. The laws providing for bounties to be paid to New England fishermen were always constitutional, but the law providing for the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among all the States was unconstitutional.

But Judge Ross's usurpations of jurisdiction and outrageous decisions ought, if sustained by the authorities at Washington, to put an end to all constitutional questions. There can be nothing whatever beyond the constitutional competency of a government whose petty judges can exercise such powers as Judge Ross reveals in. It is a force to pretend that the eleventh amendment is in force.

States' Rights in New England.

The Connecticut Legislature recently passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use all proper efforts to promote such measures and appropriations as shall speedily secure adequate protection both by fortifications and armed forces to our naval defenses coast."

The Boston *Globe*, in commenting on this, says all the States should make themselves heard to the same effect, and adds:

"By the way, we observe that several States have Republican legislatures are not so mortally afraid as they once were that the individual States will dictate to Congress. States' rights doctrine was never disliked by Republicans when the assertion of the doctrine would aid the States in which they were interested. All of which constitutes another illustration of the difference 'twixt twiddle-dum and twiddle-dee."

We have no fear that the fisheries troubles will result in war between the United States and Great Britain. Even were the complication more serious than it really is, England has prospectively as much as she will be able to stand to on the other side of the water. However, the *Globe's* comments are good, seeing that they forcibly illustrate Republican inconsistency.

The slightest allusion in the South to States' rights is generally sufficient to throw New England into a spasms. Yet to-day Virginia is the victim of Federal interference with her rights under the Constitution, which, if it were undertaken in any New England State, would raise a howl from one end of that State to the other, and develop a crop of strict constructionists such as has not been seen in this country in thirty years. Were a United States circuit judge to attempt to do in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts what Boss has done in the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is probable that there would be a repetition of the scenes of 1851, and later, when all Boston used to turn out to rescue fugitive slaves from the hands of United States marshals. Indeed a New England Federal judge could do the nation a great service by endeavoring to turn one of the States of that section into a satrapy.

Growing Desperate.

The New York *Tribune* declares that there is danger that the Republicans will soon lose control of the United States Senate, and advises that body to reject Mr. TURNEY of Indiana. We can afford to laugh at the *Tribune's* folly, seeing that the Governor of Indiana is a Democrat, and will commission a Democrat—to fill the vacancy which will exist as soon as Mr. TURNEY is denied a seat.

The grand jury of Judge ATKINS's court will be in session to-morrow. The Judge ought to assure the members of it that he will protect them in the discharge of their duties.

Apply to Judge BOVE for an injunction. Mr. ROMALL, and thus deter Judge ATKINS from sending you to jail or fining you, or even calling you to account.

New Book.

Elizabeth's Fortune. A Novel. By Miss BERTHA THOMAS, author of "Isabel," &c. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS, 1887. Price in paper 20 cents.

For sale by WEST, JOHNSTON & Co.

BRIEF COMMENT.

"Canada whiskey is sold much cheaper than ours." Now we know why the New England fishermen want to invade Canada.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN visited the New York Stock Exchange a few days ago, and doubtless felt convinced that a prize-fight was a more dignified affair than a fight between bulls and bears.

HENRY WARD BEECHER says "that the sense of the beautiful is stronger in woman than in man." We don't know so much about that, but certainly the beautiful itself is stronger in woman than in man.

"A young lad in Kingston is the possessor of a tame pigeon, which follows him wherever he goes. On Tuesday it followed him on his way to

school." So Mary's little lamb's nose is knocked out of joint at last. We knew it was coming.

The *Tribune* says: "All Europe seems to be waving the bloody shirt." When did all Europe become Republican?

POLITICIANS IN A DUEL.

Exchanging Shots at Fifteen Paces.—One Man Thought not to Mortally Wound.

A Raleigh (N. C.) special gives the following particulars of the Wilcox-Faker duel. Dr. J. O. Wilcox, of the Republican leader of Ashe county, and John Baker is one of the leading Democrats of the same county. During the campaign last fall a bitter feud sprang up between the two over the question of political qualifications for the campaign around Ashe county advanced it was with the greatest difficulty a duel was prevented. The election passed over and the Republicans carried the county by nearly 300 majority. Wilcox exulted over the victory and Baker was bitter. Matters waited here until yesterday, when Wilcox went out to visit a patient. On his return home he met Baker. No one was present except the two men. Baker invited Wilcox to halt, which he did. Baker then said that he could no longer submit to the manner in which Wilcox had had only done so this length of time in deference to the pleadings of his wife. He then declared that he could not live without a settlement of the difficulty according to the code. To this Dr. Wilcox replied that he was ready to fight, and had only done so this length of time in deference to the pleadings of his wife. He then declared that he could not live without a settlement of the difficulty according to the code. To this Dr. Wilcox replied that he was ready to fight, and had only done so this length of time in deference to the pleadings of his wife.

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THE FIGHT IN A CAR.

PARTICULARS OF THE RESCUE OF A ROBBER FROM OFFICERS.

A Gallant Struggle by a Police Captain, After Being Seriously Wounded, to Keep His Prisoner.

A Cleveland special gives the following details of the rescue of a prisoner mentioned in our telegraphic columns yesterday: It is many years since this community has been so intensely excited as it was Friday over a murderous assault on a police officer. The assailant, a man named HULLIGAN, was brought before us yesterday, and was being brought to the police station. The police captain, who was in the car, was wounded, and the prisoner was rescued.

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A PORTSMOUTH FIRE.

A RESIDENCE BURNED AND OTHER PROPERTY ENDANGERED.

The Loss and Insurance—Sudden Death of a Notorious Woman and Her Son—Victim—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

This morning about 10 o'clock a fire broke out in the residence of Mr. W. L. Howlett, a photographer of this city, who resides on Court street near North, in Portsmouth, and burned with such rapidity that the entire dwelling was destroyed before the fire department could check the flames. A large portion of the furniture was also destroyed. Other residences adjacent were seriously threatened, and the owners suffered more or less loss by the hasty removal of their furniture and other effects. Mr. Howlett's loss was about \$3,000, and was insured for \$1,500 in the London and Liverpool Company. As the fire broke out in the roof it is supposed to have been accidental.

A notorious white woman named Jennie Reilly, alias "Irish Jennie," was dropped dead in a lavatory room after taking a drink. She had been in the penitentiary twice, where she gave a great deal of trouble and once escaped from there with Madame Russell. She bore the reputation of having killed three women during her life.

Mr. Morgan, in an argument in support of his fraudulent practices among the negroes. There appeared in court more than thirty colored individuals, who showed what they had paid this shrewd trickster for his services. The amount of the bill was \$100, not exceeding twenty-five cents at any one time, though the total collected from some amounted to \$10.

Nothing has been seen in the lower harbor of the body of Captain Madry, who was knocked overboard from the ship *Mermaid* yesterday afternoon. Captain Madry, formerly of Norfolk, but now of Richmond, is visiting his family on South street.

Mr. C. O. Wright and Mr. T. C. Wright, of Petersburg, are visiting friends in the city.

The prisoner McMunn is described as about twenty-five years old and weighing 120 pounds. He is five feet eight or nine inches in height, light complexion, and has a fair head of hair. He is a native of Ohio. He was captured in the act of robbing a store, and was found with a large sum of money and a number of valuable articles.

The police commissioners have offered \$1,000 reward for the capture of any of the criminals, the Cuyahoga county commissioners a similar amount. Benedict & Rudy offer \$1,000 for the recovery of their goods, and the mayor has asked the Governor by telegraph to offer a reward for the capture of the assailants in behalf of the State. A dozen detectives and officers are now on duty in the city, and the people thereabout have been scouring the woods all day. This afternoon word came from Elmhurst, N. Y., that a man answering to the description of one of the gang has been arrested.

Descriptions have been given of the man, and he is being sought in the city. The man is said to be a native of Ohio, and is about twenty-five years old. He is five feet eight or nine inches in height, light complexion, and has a fair head of hair. He is a native of Ohio. He was captured in the act of robbing a store, and was found with a large sum of money and a number of valuable articles.

Word was received from Ravenna to-night that early this morning five strange men were seen on the railroad track some distance south of the station. One of the men was carrying a large bundle, and the other four were carrying boxes. They were seen by a man who was on duty at the station, and he reported the matter to the police.

The suit of Mrs. William T. Smith, of Prince George county, against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for \$10,000 damages for injuries claimed to have been inflicted through negligence of the company's employees, resulted last night in a verdict for the railroad company. Mr. Smith, who was injured at the same time, instituted suit for \$5,000 damages, but this case was postponed until the next quarterly term.

Verdi's New Opera.

(Special Telegram to the Dispatch.)

The full-dress rehearsal of "Otello" took place this evening at the Teatro alla Scala. The music of the opera created a great sensation, and produced a deep impression upon the listeners. The performance was a most successful one, and the audience was highly pleased with the result. The opera is a masterpiece of Verdi's art, and is one of his most popular works.

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DAMAGE SUIT.

DECIDED IN THE UNITED STATES COURT AT HARRISONBURG.

The New Water Works—A Local and General Water Works—Properly-Timed Coupon Question.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

HARRISONBURG, Va., Feb. 4, 1887.

The United States District Judge Paul presiding, which has been in session here since January 23d, and they were continued yesterday by the court. The case of Walter Steele, by A. C. Steele, vs. The Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad Company, was decided yesterday by the court. The case was a suit for damages, the sum being \$10,000, and the circumstances were as follows: In July, 1884, Walter Steele and Edward Shippette, boys about fifteen years old at that time, who live at Pleasant Valley, this county, a station on the Valley railroad, were at Mount-Crawford depot, the first station south of Pleasant Valley. A freight train passed. The boys crept into a box-car to get a ride, and the train was not stopped at Pleasant Valley, but when passing at a rapid rate of speed the boys jumped out. Shippette was not hurt, but Steele slipped his leg, which had to be amputated. The court decided in favor of the railroad company, and the damages were \$10,000.

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